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SUBJECT: U.S.-U.S.S.R. HOUSING AGREEMENT: MEETING OF WORKING GROUP 10.04, CONSTRUCTION IN SEISMIC AREAS

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING LETTER AND ATTACHMENTS TO TERENTIEV OF GOSSTROY ASAP. ORIGINALS ARE BEING BROUGHT TO MOSCOW VIA DOUGLAS FREEMAN 11 APRIL.

2. "DEAR DR. POLYAKOV: THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 4, 1975, CONCERNING THE FIRST JOINT MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP 10.04, CONSTRUCTION IN SEISMIC AREAS UNDER THE U.S.-U.S.S.R. JOINT COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HOUSING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION. I AM PLEASED TO EXTEND TO YOU, AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET SIDE OF THE WORKING GROUP, AN INVITATION TO HOLD THE FIRST JOINT MEETING IN THE UNITED STATES DURING THE PERIOD APRIL 20 - MAY 2.

"AN ATTACHMENT OUTLINES A SUGGESTED ITINERARY FOR YOUR VISIT. THE STUDY TOUR HAS BEEN ORGANIZED TO GIVE YOU A
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BROAD OVERVIEW OF OUR SEISMIC CONSTRUCTION RESEARCH AND

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PRACTICE. THE TOUR EMPHASIZES MAJOR EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMS IN SEISMIC DESIGN OF REINFORCED CONCRETE, EARTH-QUAKE SIMULATION FACILITIES, AND CURRENT PROPOSED EARTHQUAKE BUILDING CODE PROVISIONS. EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMS ARE EMPHASIZED. AT A FUTURE TIME WE CAN LOOK MORE CLOSELY AT THE THEORETICAL ASPECTS OF OUR RESEARCH PROGRAM. I HAVE MADE EVERY EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR REQUESTED ITINERARY AND HAVE ADDED TO IT SEVERAL ADDITIONAL SITES THAT I HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT WILL BE OF INTEREST TO YOUR GROUP. I PRE-SUME THE SIX INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED IN YOUR LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 4 WILL ATTEND THE WORKING GROUP MEETING AND TOUR.

"THE CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES SIDE OF THE WORKING GROUP IS MADE UP PRINCIPALLY OF UNIVERSITY SCIEN-TISTS, PRACTICING PROFESSIONALS AND A FEW GOVERNMENT OF-FICIALS. THE GROUP IS OF MIXED DISCIPLINARY BACKGROUNDS, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE AREAS OF ARCHITECTURE, STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING AND STRONG MOTION SEISMOLOGY.

"I CONCUR WITH YOU THAT THE FIRST WORKING GROUP MEETING SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON SPECIFICS, DETAILING AN AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIC TOPICS ALONG WITH IDENTIFYING OF PRIORITY PROJECTS TO BE CARRIED OUT QUICKLY WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS AND AGREEMENT SPECIFYING MEASURES BE UNDERTAKEN BY BOTH SIDES TO FURTHER COOPERATE. THE PROPOSED TOPICS SUGGESTED IN YOUR SEPTEMBER 4TH LETTER ARE AGREEABLE:

--EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON THE STATE OF THE PROBLEM IN THE U.S. AND IN THE U.S.S.R.;

--DISCUSSION OF THE SPECIFIC TOPICS OF COOPERATION FOR THE TASK FORCE IN 1976 AND A SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS.

"I PROPOSE THAT THE TOPIC '--DISCUSSION AND COORDINATION OF A DRAFT OF 'REGULATIONS' FOR THE TASK FORCE ON 'CON-STRUCTION IN EARTHQUAKE REGIONS' IS ADEQUATELY COVERED BY THE BASIC JOINT COMMITTEE AGREEMENTS AND DOES NOT REQUIRE FURTHER ELABORATION.

"IN YOUR ATTACHMENT OF TOPICS, YOU HAVE SUGGESTED AN ITEM
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WHICH MAY BE MORE PROPERLY HANDLED UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AGREEMENT ON EARTHQUAKE PREDICTION. ITEM 1.4, 'PARAMETERS OF SHIFTING OF THE EARTH'S CORE' IS MORE PROPERLY A QUESTION OF TECTONICS, AND THUS MAY BE OUTSIDE THE BOUNDS OF OUR AGREEMENT. I WOULD PROPOSE AS A MAJOR TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT THE UP-COMING WORKING GROUP MEETING THE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE DETAILS TO IMPLEMENT YOUR TOPIC PROPOSALS AND THE DELINEATION OF THE INDIVIDUALS ON THE

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AMERICAN AND SOVIET SIDES TO IMPLEMENT THESE PROPOSED
PROGRAM AREAS.

"I SINCERELY APOLOGIZE TO YOU FOR THE DELAY IN RESPONDING
TO YOUR LETTER. I LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AND YOUR

" UNCLASSIFIED
WORKING GROUP TO THE UNITED STATES ON APRIL 20 AND WISH
YOU A SAFE AND PLEASANT TRIP FOLLOWED BY A PRODUCTIVE
MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL MEETING. SINCERELY YOURS, CHARLES C.
THIEL, ACTING DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL
RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION."

ATTACHMENTS -

---------- "FIRST MEETING OF THE U.S.-U.S.S.R
---------- JOINT WORKING GROUP 10.04
---------- 'CONSTRUCTION IN SEISMIC AREAS'
---------- 20 APRIL - 2 MAY 1976

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2. OPENING REMARKS BY U.S. AND U.S.S.R. CO-CHAIRMEN
--- CHARLES THIEL AND SVIATOSLAV POLIAKOV

3. INTRODUCTION OF U.S. AND U.S.S.R. WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

4. DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF THE PROGRAM OF THE U.S.S.R.
DELEGATION'S VISIT TO THE U.S. INCLUDING THE STUDY TOURS

5. REPORTS BY SPECIALISTS:

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--- B) SOVIET SIDE:

6. CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND AGREEMENT OF PROJECTS OF
COOPERATION, CHOOSING THE TOP PRIORITY PROJECTS AND MEA-
SURES FOR THEIR IMPLEMENTATION, INCLUDING ORGANIZATION OF
SYMPOSIA ON INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS.

7. AGREEMENT OF LIST OF GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS,
INSTITUTES AND PRIVATE FIRMS PARTICIPATING IN COOPERATION

8. DETERMINATION OF TIME, PLACE AND AGENDA FOR THE SECOND
MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP

9. AGREEMENT AND SIGNING OF PROTOCOL OF THE JOINT MEETING

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OF THE WORKING GROUP."

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---------- "PROPOSED INTERARY
----------FOR VISIT OF SOVIET DELEGATION TO U.S.

20 APRIL ---------- ARRIVE DULLES AIRPORT,
---------- WASHINGTON, 5:15 P.M.

21 APRIL ---------- OPENING SESSIONS OF WORKING GROUP
---------- MEETINGS;
---------- EVENING RECEPTION

22 APRIL ---------- WORKING GROUP MEETING

23 APRIL ---------- WORKING GROUP MEETING

24 APRIL ----------SIGNING OF PROTOCOL;
----------AFTERNOON FREE

25 APRIL ---------- FLIGHT TO SAN FRANCISCO;
---------- AFTERNOON FREE

26 APRIL ---------- SAN FRANCISCO:
---------- MORNING VISIT TO SEISMOLOGICAL
---------- FIELD SURVEY;
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---------- AFTERNOON REVIEW OF PROPOSED CHANGES
---------- IN U.S. EARTHQUAKE CODES, STANDARDS
---------- AND PRACTICES;
---------- EVENING, EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING
---------- RESEARCH INSTITUTE

27 APRIL---------- BRIEFING AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
---------- AT BERKELEY - RICHMOND FIELD STATION
---------- EVENING, FLIGHT TO LOS ANGELES

28 APRIL----------SITE VISITS TO SAN FERNANDO DAMAGE
----------AREAS, OVERVIEW OF SOUTHERN CALI-
----------FORNIA SEISMICITY;

29 APRIL ---------- BRIEFING AT CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF
---------- TECHNOLOGY;
---------- AFTERNOON FLIGHT TO CHICAGO

30 APRIL ---------- VISIT UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT
---------- URBANA, ENGINEERING LABORATORY;
---------- VISIT CORPS OF ENGINEERS' SHAKE
---------- TABLE FACILITY

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1 MAY ---------- BRIEFING ON SEISMIC CONSTRUCTION
---------- IN SHEER WALL, PORTLAND CEMENT
---------- ASSOCIATION, CHICAGO;
---------- EVENING FLIGHT TO NEW YORK CITY

2 MAY---------

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